



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
HELD ON October 20, 2010 IN ROOM 374-A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:20 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Alexia Teran; Commissioner John B. Troost; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused Absence: Commissioner Wan Chun Chang; Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro; Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2010. On motion of Commissioner Teran, seconded by Commissioner Troost, unanimously carried (Commissioners Welt Narro, Gureckas, Rubenstein, Weller and Chun Chang being absent), the item was approved ([Supporting Document](#))

II. REPORTS

2. Update report by the President.
President Neal reported on issues that were resolved regarding the Spectrum Club.
3. Update report by staff.
Rhonda Rangel, Commission staff, announced the following: Rancho Los Amigos will be hosting a Women's Conference on October 30, 2010; Statewide Disabilities Conference, October 29 & 30, 2010; and Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) correspondence sent to the Commission in reference to "Objectionable Language Describing Person With Disabilities Who Are On General Relief". President Neal requested staff to extend

an invitation to a representative from DPSS to further discuss this issue at the next Commission meeting.

4. Report by Events Committee on the Access Awards Luncheon held on Monday, October 18, 2010.

President Neal commended staff and everyone who attended this year's Accesses Awards Luncheon held on October 18, 2010. Commissioners thanked staff for the work well done.

5. Community Service report for the month of September

No report was presented and no action was taken by the Commission. President Neal stated that transportation issues and complaints should be submitted in writing to the Commission.

6. Community Service report for the Month of September.

President Neal addressed the issue of disabled placards being misused by drivers. She requested staff to extend an invitation to the City of Los Angeles Parking Enforcement to discuss the misuse of placards.

Mr. Louis Burns provided a verbal update on the Access driver inappropriately parked in a disabled parking spot. He presented the finding from his office which stated that the driver was not supposed to park in a disabled parking spaces. All staff members were alerted and reminded not to park on these spaces without authorization. In addition, project administrators will follow up on this issue further.

Mr. Burns informed the Commission of future Access Services events.

Mr. Louis responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public.

Daniel Garcia issued a complaint last month on an Access driver who refused to pick him up. President Neal suggested writing his complaint and submitting it to the Commission.

7. Monthly update report from the Transportation Committee to include discussion of paratransit complaints; Access Services Update on Access Services findings of the alleged misuse of equipment and the vehicle tracking system being used by Access (ASI); and Kurt Hagen, Access Board Representative.

No report was presented and no action was taken by the Commission.

President Neal suggested having Angela Davis attend meetings on behalf of Kurt Hagen and would like to include this item on next months agenda for discussion.

8. Monthly update report by Chip Hazen or a representative from the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO).

No report was submitted. No action was taken by the Commission.

9. Report from Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, Disability Rights Section.

No report was submitted. No action was taken by the Commission. President Neal stated that this will be a regular agenda item.

III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

10. Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of \$900 to the Board of Supervisors, Executive Office for the photography services by Jean Young at the 19th Annual Access Awards Luncheon held on October 18, 2010.

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Troost, unanimously carried (Commissioner Narro, Gureckas, Rubenstein and Weller being absent), the item was approved.

IV. MISCELLEANEOUS

11. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future Commission meeting, or matters requiring immediate action due to emergency situations or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- 10A. Recommendation by President Neal: Report by Department of Public Social Services on letter the Commission received regarding "Objectionable Language Describing Person With Disabilities Who Are On General Relief".

Public Comment

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Daniel Garcia and Wilfred Jast addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

On motion of Commission Troost, seconded by Commissioner James, unanimously carried (Commissioner Narro, Gureckas, Rubenstein and Weller being absent), the regular meeting of the Commission on Disabilities of October 20, 2010 adjourned at 2:45 p.m.